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## CANARY ISLANDS.

*Smallpox at Las Palmas.*

Consul Berliner reports from Teneriffe, January 19, as follows: An outbreak of smallpox has occurred at Las Palmas, Grand Canary.

To-day there were reported 21 cases and 1 death. All precautions have been taken to prevent the disease from spreading.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

## CHINA.

*Reports from Hongkong—Plague and smallpox.*

Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports January 3, 7, and 13 as follows: During the week ended December 27, 1902, 10 vessels were inspected, 53 steerage passengers and 453 crew were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 593 pieces of baggage were disinfected. Two cases and 2 deaths from plague and 1 case of smallpox occurred during the week—all Chinese. One case each of diphtheria and enteric fever were the only other cases of communicable disease reported in the colony for the period covered by this report.

During the week ended January 3, 1903, 15 vessels were inspected, 238 steerage passengers and 675 crew were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 995 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

The only communicable diseases reported in the colony during this period were 2 cases of plague (Chinese) and 1 of enteric fever (Japanese), all of which ended fatally. There were no rejections.

During the week ended January 10, 1903, 10 vessels were inspected, 59 steerage passengers and 436 crew were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 533 pieces of baggage were disinfected. One rejection for failure of disinfection.

The health of the colony remains good, and the only communicable disease reported during the week was 1 fatal case of smallpox (Chinese).

THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

*Report from Shanghai—Smallpox on U. S. A. T. Liscum.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, January 6, as follows: The following is a summary of the communicable diseases reported within the municipality during the week ended January 4, 1903: Smallpox, 2 cases, 18 deaths; typhoid fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 1 case. The total deaths from all causes were 4 foreigners and 138 natives.

There were several additional cases of smallpox on the U. S. A. T. *Liscum*, and upon my advice the ship was again disinfected with sulphur dioxide 5 per cent, the crew bathed, their clothing and bedding steamed at the municipal disinfecting station, and the men, after being supplied with disinfected clothing, moved to new quarters down the river.

There were 10 cases altogether, 8 of which developed between nine and twelve days after exposure to the original case, and the remaining case appeared sixteen days after the first case was removed to the hospital.